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The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

My dear Flock:

Why, you ask, is the whole world's attention drawn so forcibly to the 28th International Eucharistic Congress, which will be held in Chicago from June 20th to June 24th, inclusively?

Do you not think that the event warrants the universal publicity, the attendance of Catholic prelates and even of lay people from all over the world? The event is not to commemorate anything, but actually to give a rousing worldwide official reception to Jesus Christ Himself—the first such reception He has ever received in the United States.

The people can see from the manner in which these International Eucharistic Congresses are observed how real and practical is the faith of the Church herself in the real presence of our Divine Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Even if He be the "Hidden God", He is no less real under the form of the little host than He is in the glory of Heaven today, than He was when He lay in the manger of Bethlehem, or hung on Calvary's cross. On those occasions He was also a "Hidden God". His Divinity was no more apparent in the Babe of Bethlehem or in the mangled crucified body than it is in the sacred host.

But, it is asked, how can all the clergy go to Chicago and leave their people unattended at home? How can 1,000,000 or more visitors find housing accommodations in Chicago? What will the generality be able to witness when the indoor meetings can accommodate only a very limited number, and even the stadium only 10% of Chicago's own Catholic population.

Well, of course, *all* priests cannot go to Chicago, and pastors and assistants will arrange among themselves for the care of the parishes. No place will be without its regular masses on Sunday. In fact, there will be very little for either priests or lay people to witness on Sunday, the opening day. The Congress will be formally inaugurated in the Holy Name Cathedral at noon Sunday, but even this spacious temple will not be able to accommodate even the thousands of prelates and clergy. In the evening at Holy Hour it is likely that the Chicago congregations will fill their own churches to capacity.

THE PROGRAM.

There will be *general* meetings in the stadium in Grant Park on *Monday, Tuesday* and *Wednesday mornings*. It is believed that approximately 200,000 will be able to be close to the ceremonies, either in the stadium or adjoining it. With the aid of the microphone and loud speakers, every person among the 200,000 and all others who may be within a quarter of a mile of the place, will be able to hear the addresses. A solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated in the stadium on these three mornings.

On Tuesday night at the same place an open air mass meeting for men will be held under the auspices of the Chicago Holy Name Society.

The Mass on Monday morning will be sung by 60,000 school children; on Tuesday morning by School Sisters and other ladies. *Tuesday* is designated *"Women's Day." Wednesday* will be *"Higher Education Day."*

But the crowning spectacle of the Congress, and that in which most people will be interested, will be the glorious procession of Mundelein, some thirty-five miles north of Chicago on Thursday. It is certain that thousands of people will be transported every hour to Mundeleein on Thursday; and it would seem that visitors from outside should rather depend on the electric and steam way than on the automobile way. Even people who drive to Chicago, it would seem, should take the train to Mundelein. The difficulty going will be much less than the difficulty returning when all is over, and when everyone will wish to get away at once.

In Fort Wayne the United Holy Name Societies, in conjunction with the Chancellor of the Diocese, will be glad to assist those who think of going to Chicago by train from Fort Wayne. Evidently, the railroad officials must know sometime in advance the approximate number who will attend.

You can help make the Congress a success even if you will be unable to attend it. You can receive Holy Communion during the Congress for the Holy Father's intention, and can take part in whatever special services might be held in your church. Every Catholic should be zealous in behalf of the glorification of the Holy Eucharist. It is the best thing the Church has, and It elevates the Catholic religion infinitely above any and all others. Surely, if non-Catholics really knew what we have, no further argument in favor of the Catholic religion would be needed.

Let us, therefore, pray that as a result of the Eucharistic Congress in our country the people of our land may be enlightened and directed to embrace the Catholic Faith by thousands. Then, let us also try to get the greatest benefit for ourselves from this unfathomable source of grace by cultivating a more intensive personal love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

+ John Francis Noll
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

DISPATCHES FROM THE ETERNAL CITY

FINEST PLAY-GROUND IN ROME OPENED BY K. C.

Pope Publishes Encyclical On St. Francis.

Rome, May 10.—The Knights of Columbus formally opened their new sport establishment in the San Lorenzo Quarter yesterday in the presence of nine cardinals, 400 invited guests and three thousand boys and girls.

Members of the Sacred College present were: Cardinals Vico, Freuhwirth, Scapinelli, Lega, Bisleti, Ehrle, Galli, and Lucidi.

Cardinal Vannutelli, dean of the Sacred College, gave the solemn liturgical blessing. Gymnastic squads gave exercises, and all the children filed past the cardinals to the music of two bands. After the ceremony refreshments were served.

Edward L. Hearn, European Commissioner of the Knights of Columbus, was warmly praised by those who spoke.

The establishment, which is in effect a playground, is in the slum district of Rome, and is the finest of its kind in the city. It covers 170,000 square feet, and was profusely decorated for the opening with American and Italian flags. At one end of the field a platform had been constructed for the cardinals and guests, and in another corner the boys had built a camp of tents. Each child received a gift of candy as the ceremony closed.

Centenary of St. Francis.

The Encyclical of His Holiness on the centenary of St. Francis was published Thursday.

After reviewing the Saint's life, Pope Pius discussed his virtues, giving as the most prominent poverty, humility, obedience, devotion to the Holy See, purity and charity. He describes the epoch in which St. Francis lived, and tells of the institutions he founded and of his influence on his contemporaries.

While praising the present studies of St. Francis, His Holiness takes occasion to vindicate the true figure of the Saint. He refutes the distortions, which would paint him only as a poet, or the admirer of nature, or a national hero, or a precursor of Socialism.

Continuing, he exhorts the three Franciscan orders always to imitate more perfectly their founder's virtues. He blesses the special commemorations of the centenary which have been held, and expresses the hope that precious fruits will result from them. Especially, he commends the Third Order of St. Francis.

The Pope assisted, Saturday, in the Pauline Chapel at the annual function in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii.

POPE SELECTS FORMER APOSTOLIC DELEGATE AS HIS LEGATE TO CONGRESS

His Eminence John, Cardinal Bonzano, whose appointment by Pius XI as his representative to the approaching Eucharistic Congress at Chicago was announced in these columns some time ago, was formerly Apostolic Delegate to the United States during the years 1912 to 1923. Cardinal Bonzano is an Italian by birth but because of his long stay in this country has declared that he looks upon America as almost a second home and welcomes the opportunity to visit the United States again. His party will arrive in New York on June 12 and it has been announced in cable dispatches that His Eminence has been instructed by the Holy Father to proceed directly to Chicago without making any side trips. With the Apostolic Delegate will be prominent members of the papal household as well as a private court. An American priest, now resident in Rome will be a member of the latter.

Michigan City Boy Wins Spelling Meet.

St. Mary's Pupil First—Loses to Schoolmate.

Anthony Hock, 817 West Tenth street, representing the eighth grade at St. Mary's school, was the winner of the city-wide spelling contest held in the junior high school auditorium in connection with the Boys' Week program. The winner was presented with a gold medal and his school, St. Mary's, received a banner awarded by the committee in charge of the program.

Edward Pennick, 412 West Tenth street, also of St. Mary's, representing the seventh grade, was the last one to be spelled down by Anthony Hock. Judge H. B. Tuthill was in charge of the old-fashioned spelling bee and the words for the contest were taken from the book, "The Mastery of Words," Book 2.

Two pupils from each school in the city were entered in the contest and participated in the event. There were 22 entries at the opening of the contest. A great deal of interest was shown in this event, one of the big features of the Boys' Week program in Michigan City.

A Rural Life Conference

Rev. Edwin O'Hara, who has for many years been devoting all his time to the study of social and religious conditions in the rural districts of the United States, will deliver a number of lectures at Notre Dame University in July.

Father O'Hara expresses his willingness to meet those priests of the Fort Wayne Diocese, who have country parishes, and to confer with them on their particular problems.

The chancery would be very glad to hear from all pastors who are interested, and then to confer with Father O'Hara regarding a date.

CONFIRMATIONS IN LOGANSPORT

Bishop to Preside at Mishawaka Nurses Graduation.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop will spend this Sunday in Logansport where he will administer Confirmation at all three Catholic churches. St. Vincent's church, of which the Rev. James H. Durham is pastor, is scheduled to receive the Rt. Rev. Bishop in the morning at which time he will administer Confirmation to a large class. In the afternoon he confirms at St. Joseph's church and in the evening at St. Bridget's church.

On Monday Bishop Noll goes on to Plymouth, where he administers Confirmation to a class prepared under the direction of the Rev. John Tremmel, pastor of St. Michael's church. On Tuesday morning Father T. J. Jarka and the congregation at St. John Cantius' church at Rolling Prairie will receive the Bishop. That evening he will confirm at Terre Coupee in St. Stanislaus' church of which Rev. M. N. Swiatkowski is pastor.

On Wednesday the Bishop will preside at the graduation of nurses at St. Joseph's Hospital, Mishawaka, and will go on to Elkhart in the evening for Confirmation. The following day he will be at Goshen in the evening returning to Fort Wayne for Pentecost.

Three hundred children and adults were confirmed by Rt. Rev. Bishop John F. Noll, D. D., in four Fort Wayne churches during the past week on the occasion of his first official visit to the parishes. The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered on Sunday at St. Paul's and the Most Precious Blood churches; Monday night at St. Joseph's and Tuesday night at St. Hyacinth's. This will conclude his Confirmation appointments in the city until Pentecost Sunday, May 23, when a large class will be confirmed in the afternoon at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and at St. Andrew's church in the evening, completing a list of nine parishes. A class will also be confirmed at St. Vincent's Orphan Home. Capacity congregations have attended the impressive services in all of the churches and the sermons given by the Bishop heard with appreciative interest. Members of the Holy Name Society in the several congregations have served as an escort for the Bishop and attending clergy in the processions to the church.

At all the Confirmation services the ceremonies included the reception of the Bishop by the pastor at the door of the church. The Bishop of each diocese is by right of office supreme pastor of every church in it; he is therefore received with suitable ceremony upon his entry into the church. It has been Right. Rev. Bishop Noll's custom to deliver a forceful and inspiring sermon at each of his Confirmation visits and after imparting the Episcopal blessing, he gives Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.

CATHOLIC EVENTS FROM EVERYWHERE

EVANGELICAL PARTY, MEXICO PROBERS, DECLARE PUBLISHED STATEMENTS FALSE

Interview Attributed to the Committee Denied

Washington, D. C., May 7.—Statements attributed to members of the committee of seventeen which recently returned from an investigation of conditions in Mexico, to the effect that "educational and not religious motives are responsible for Mexico's attitude toward religious institutions" and "emphasizing the economic and educational necessity for the Mexican Government's attitude toward religious institutions" have been denied by members of this committee. The statements were carried in an Associated Press dispatch under date of April 24 and were alleged to have been made by the Committee in El Paso on the way back from Mexico.

In reply to a letter from the Rev. John A. Ryan, Director of the Social Action Department of the N.C.W.C., challenging this statement, the Rev. John W. Herring, of the Congregational Church, Chairman of the investigating committee, has made the following explanation: "I hasten to assure you that I neither authorized nor agree with the sentence to which you refer. I do not know by whom statement was made. I greatly regret the misunderstanding."

Mr. Coyle's Reply

A similar letter was also sent by Dr. Ryan to Albert F. Coyle, editor of the *Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' Journal*, to whom the statements above mentioned had been directly attributed by the press dispatch in question. Mr. Coyle replied as follows:

"I am writing you immediately to let you know that no such interview was given by myself or by the other member of my party returning with me through El Paso. In other words, the purported interview is unqualifiedly false.

"Our party spent some time in Mexico City with leading Catholics and held a conference with them lasting one entire morning in the home of the secretary of the local Knights of Columbus. In consequence of these interviews, the party refused to pass judgment upon the difficult and delicate Church question, but contented itself with the following bare statement of fact:

"We find that the present religious difficulty in Mexico is not a new issue but goes back to the Reform Constitution of 1857 and its restatement in the Constitution of 1917. The Mexican Government is determined to enforce the provisions of the law prohibiting clergymen or churches from interfering in political affairs or maintaining institutions proscribed by the Constitution. . . .

"In my sober judgment the present harsh laws concerning the Church will be mitigated in the course of time when the government is convinced that the Church has definitely divorced itself from political affairs."

Tolerance in Practical Form Shown by Swiss Protestants

Vevey, Switzerland, May 3.—An interesting example of religious toleration and co-operation has just come to light here. The Catholic parish of the city having received a bequest of several thousand francs, the Protestant city authorities passed a measure exempting the bequest from 50 per cent of the usual inheritance tax.

A similar example is reported from Morat, where the Municipal Council, in majority Protestant, recently voted an appropriation of 1,000 francs for the construction of a bell tower for the Catholic church of that town.

The liberality of the Protestants of French Switzerland has won the respect and high esteem of the Catholic population.

Fewer Irish Immigrants Are Coming

Dublin, May 3.—It is understood that no reduction in the quota of Irish emigrants to the United States will be made for the year beginning July 1. The number of immigrants will not exceed 26,000, which is 2,500 short of the quota allowed. The arrangements made in certain American centers for the reception of Catholic emigrants, have facilitated the settlement of many young Irish men and women in the United States.

While great efforts are being made to increase industrial employment in Ireland, it will take time before the average of 25,000 to 30,000 potential emigrants can be absorbed in productive employment at home. Meanwhile, Irish Catholic emigrants are anxious to join their kinsmen in the United States before any possible reduction is made in the quota.

The number of Irish priests in the United States and of families with relations in Ireland makes leaving the old country for America seem less of a wrench than emigration to any other part of the world.

Irish Cardinal Attacks Indecent Newspapers

Dublin, May 3.—Cardinal O'Donnell recently received a large deputation from the members of the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland, in the Synod Hall attached to Armagh Cathedral.

Since the war, the Irish Clergy, headed first by Cardinal Logue, have conducted a campaign against the dumping in Ireland of English newspapers devoted to the publication of the most sordid type of news. It is estimated that, approximately, 600,000 such papers are sold weekly in Ireland, and a special subject of indignation to the clergy has been the fact that these papers are, in many instances, sold by street vendors at the very church doors.

"The publications of the Catholic Truth Society," said the Cardinal, "have the salutary effect of stemming this tide of evil literature that is, in some respects, worse than armed invasion."

Nun Who Renounced English Title Dies

London, May 1.—Lady Etheldreda Howard who renounced her title to become a nun, died this week at the age of 77, having been a Sister of Charity for over fifty years.

She was a sister of the late Duke of Norfolk and of Viscount Fitz-Alan, being a daughter of the fourteenth Duke. A sister of hers, Lady Minna Howard, became a Carmelite nun. She is now dead.

Lady Etheldreda was for some time in charge of St. David's Home for Disabled Sailors and Soldiers, Ealing, London, which was instituted after the World War. Owing to failing health she retired two years ago to St. Vincent's Convent, Mill Hill, where she died.

Foundress of False Order Is Insane

Paris, May 2.—Marie Mesmin, the founder of the sect of "Our Lady of Tears," and the group of illuminati who attacked the Cure of Bombon, have been pronounced insane by the court.

The physician who examined the concierge of Bombon has declared that he considers Marie Mesmin to be an illuminata affected by senile dementia and totally irresponsible.

News Within the Domain of the Stars and Stripes

FATHER DUFFY CHIEF SPEAKER AT MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILING

Washington, May 7.—The Rev. Francis P. Duffy, New York's famous soldier-priest, was the principal speaker at the unveiling Wednesday afternoon in Arlington National Cemetery of a memorial tablet to the Army chaplains who gave their lives in the World War. The ceremony was a part of the three-day pan-denominational conference of chaplains called by the Secretary of War.

A large crowd, including representatives of the families, denominations and organizations of the hero chaplains, attended the ceremony. About the base numerous wreaths were placed.

Father Duffy spoke of the chaplain's place in the Army telling how he must go into battle unarmed and follow his men. He must, he said, tend the wounded, help carry them from the field, comfort the dying, bury the dead and write solacing letters to their relatives and friends.

Although the chaplain's duty is to preach peace, when war is declared in the interest of justice and against iniquity he must don his uniform and go off to war, he said. To the chaplin creed, color and race must make no difference; all the men of his command are his charges, he declared.

The tablet commemorates the heroism of 23 chaplains who died in the service of the United States Army during the period of the war. Six of these were Catholic priests. They were the Revs. William F. Davitt, Herbert P. Doyle, John F. McCarthy, Timothy A. Murphy, Colman E. O'Flaherty, Patrick P. Carey.

Denominations and welfare organization to which the dead chaplains belonged were represented. The Very Rev. Lewis J. O'Hern, C.S.P., of this city, and James A. Flagerty, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, attended the exercises in this capacity. The regiments to which the chaplains belonged also were represented.

Jewish Girl Convert Becomes Dominican Nun.

Newark, May 5.—Rose Goldstein, a Jewish girl who became a convert to the Catholic faith, yesterday began the life of a cloistered nun in the Dominican Monastery here. Her name in religion is Sister Mary Agnes.

Miss Goldstein had for her childhood playmates girls who attended the St. Rose of Lima parochial school. As she grew older she frequently attended services with them and eventually became a convert.

Later she went to live at Loretta Hall, boarding place for young women in this city conducted by nuns. A year ago she began her novitiate at the monastery. Many of her friends were present yesterday when she took the veil.

Frank P. Walsh Donates Church Site

Kansas City, Mo., May 6.—A new church will be erected for the Catholic people of the Hickman Mills district near here on property donated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Walsh, in the near future, it has just been announced by Bishop Thomas F. Lillis. Father Thomas F. Kane, assistant at Annunciation parish, will be the pastor.

Will Take Twenty Years To Finish Pittsburgh's Finest Church.

Six Hundred Memorials Already Donated.

Pittsburgh, May 6.—Eighteen memorials in the new Sacred Heart church were subscribed for this week by various individuals, attracted by the striking beauty and majesty of the great structure that is rearing its huge bulk at the corner of Shady Avenue and Walnut Street, on one of the finest sites in the city.

This makes a grand total of over 600 memorials that have been subscribed for by prominent members of the parish and others, not members, since the work on the new structure started a little over a year ago, and it bespeaks the wonderful interest that is being manifested by the members of the congregation in the new edifice, into which they hope to move within the next few months, although only the nave will then be completed.

The completion of the entire structure in every detail, will occupy twenty years, and at the end of that time will rank as one of the world's finest and most complete parish churches. It will cost over two millions of dollars.

Former Marquette Bishop Dies at 83

Marquette, May 6.—The Rt. Rev. Frederick Eis, D.D., who in 1922 resigned the Bishopric of Marquette and Sault Ste. Marie, died here yesterday at the age of 83.

Dublin, May 3.—Edward Tobin, of Ballymacadam, Cahir, Tipperary, is believed to be the last surviving Irishman who fought with the Papal troops against Garibaldi. He is 98 years of age.

Cardinal Advances Anniversary Celebration to Attend Chicago Congress

Paris, May 3.—In order to be free to go to the Eucharistic Congress of Chicago, Cardinal Dubois, Archbishop of Paris, has decided to select a date one month in advance for the solemn celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his consecration as Bishop. His Eminence was consecrated Bishop of Verdun in 1901 and was later Archbishop of Bourges and of Rouen before being called to the archiepiscopal see of Paris.

Card. Dubois Named On Government Body To Ease French Debt

Paris, May 2.—The name of Cardinal Dubois, Archbishop of Paris, has been placed by the Government on the Committee of Patronage formed for the administration of the funds raised to liquidate the public debt. This committee is formed by some of the most prominent authorities of the nation. Other members include the head of the Consistory of the Reformed Churches and the Grand Rabbi.

A radio address recently has been broadcast by Cardinal Dubois throughout the whole of France, calling upon the French people to spare no sacrifice to contribute to the lightening of the financial burdens resting on the State.

Radio Programs from Paris Cathedral

Paris, May 3.—Cardinal Dubois, Archbishop of Paris, has permitted the installation of radio apparatus in Notre Dame Cathedral for the broadcasting of sermons. The permission was granted in support of the Cardinal's campaign to keep radio programs clean.

PARTIAL REPORT IS MISLEADING

Washington, April 26.—Published accounts of a part of the report of a voluntary committee which has just returned from Mexico after making investigations there, are declared to create false impressions, in a statement issued here today by the Rev. John J. Burke, C.S.P., General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The committee which went to Mexico City some weeks ago, numbered 17 and included Congregational and Methodist ministers, a Jewish rabbi, an official of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ and a representative of the labor press. Former Governor William Sweet of Colorado also was a member of the Party. It announced that it proposed to study the major Mexican questions now agitated, including religious question, and obtain the views of Mexicans upon them.

The committee was quoted Saturday in despatches from El Paso, upon its return, as recommending a "hands-off" policy for the United States toward Mexico at this time and as describing President Calles as a "tolerant" man.

"The report published in the press of the Committee of seventeen investigators who visited Mexico recently is so far incomplete", says Father Burke's statement. "When published entire, it may remove the false impressions which the first paragraphs undoubtedly created in the minds of many. The Committee itself is quoted as declaring 'President Calles of Mexico is a tolerant man, eager to improve the spiritual welfare and economic conditions of his people through an intensive education campaign.' Later the report would give the impression that there is no religious persecution in Mexico. Who, then, need President Calles be justified 'by economic and educational necessity'?

"Two members speak in this press report for the Committee. Perhaps they were not authorized, but spoke only in their own names. Yet their statements are linked with the name of the Committee itself. Mr. Albert Coyle of Cleveland excuses Calles' persecution of religion by saying it is an economic and educational necessity. Mr. Coyle quotes Calles as describing himself as 'tolerant in every sense'. Indeed Mr. Coyle accepts apparently Mr. Calles' high and noble estimate of himself. In other words, Mr. Coyle quotes Calles' self-defense as Coyle's own defense of this religious persecution.

"The Reverend Frank Hampton Fox, Protestant Minister, another member of this Committee, gives the impression that for any religious body that observes the laws of Mexico there is no persecution, and the only reason the Catholic Church is persecuted is because it does not conform to the law. One may excuse the Rev. Mr. Fox from conscious attempt to deceive. He probably was in Mexico only a short time and did not read the present Constitution of Mexico. No Protestant Church can exist in Mexico today and conform to the law of Mexico unless it is willing to abandon all its religious principles. No foreign-born minister may exercise his religious ministry in Mexico. No Protestant minister could teach in any primary school, whether public or private. No protestant minister could speak or write on the law of Mexico; nor enjoy any civic rights; nor inherit any property; nor conduct or help conduct an orphan asylum or home for the aged or hospital, or mutual aid society or welfare organization such as the Y. M. C. A. or the Salvation Army.

"To know this one only needs to read the present Constitution of Mexico. It may be that Protestant Churches do exist and function in Mexico. It may be that the officials of Mexico are not enforcing the law against Protestant Churches. But if this be so, it looks suspiciously like selling one's soul for a mess of pottage. And no one should deceive the American public by saying that Protestants have uniformly conformed with the law in Mexico. They cannot do so and remain Protestants. If they do so, they become secularists. To their honor it may be said that many Protestants have already left Mexico. Mr. Fox's leadership would never make martyrs.

"The report is incomplete: it is equally erroneous. It has failed to consider or to bring out the provisions of the Constitution of Mexico, which absolutely prohibits to every and any religious denomination, liberty of religious worship; and the actual facts of the persecution whereby priests have been prohibited from ministering to the people. The people have been prohibited from having the ministration of their priests; churches have been confiscated and schools closed because the Catholic authorities would not banish therefrom the name of God and of Christ."

Connecticut History Lauds Army Chaplain Who Died in Germany

Hartford, Conn., April 29.—Although, because he did not die during the actual period of World War's duration, the name of the Rev. Anselm J. Mayotte, a priest of this diocese, will not appear on the bronze memorial tablet to chaplains to be unveiled at Arlington Cemetery next Wednesday, it is engraved in the history of Connecticut. Father Mayotte died of pneumonia in Germany while with the Army of Occupation. He served in France long before the war ended, however.

A recent history of this state makes this comment:

"The Rev. Anselm J. Mayotte, serving in the Army of Occupation, died of pneumonia at Echternacht, Luxemburg, December 5, 1918. A tablet placed in the vestibule of St. Thomas' Seminary (Hartford) by his admiring fellow chaplains, stands as a testimony to his heroism and their appreciation of the service that does not halt till death."

Perhaps it's just as well that Mussolini, when he was shot at, wasn't as big as he thinks he is.

New York Supreme Court Rejects Attack On Religious Instruction

Freethinkers' Society Rebuked by Justice.

Albany, N. Y.—Excusing pupils of public schools in the State of New York for half an hour a week to receive religious instruction, at the request of their parents, was held to be legal in an opinion handed down here Saturday by Ellis J. Staley, Justice of the New York Supreme Court. In addition, Justice Staley's opinion constituted a sharp rebuke to the Free-Thinkers' Society.

Justice Staley wrote his opinion in denying an application of Joseph Lewis, president of the Free-Thinkers' Society, for a mandamus to compel Frank P. Graves, State Commissioner of Education, to discontinue the regulation and practice of the White Plains Board of Education of dismissing the pupils. In the mandamus it also was sought to have the Commissioner notify all school officers to discontinue the practice. Among those who opposed the mandamus in court were attorneys for Monsignor Lauelle of the Catholic Archidocese of New York.

All Alien Clergy Barred by Statute From Mexico

Mexico City—Foreigners who are ministers of the Gospel may be prevented from entering Mexico under the terms of a law adopted by the Mexican Government under date of March 13, 1926, but not given publicity at that time. The prohibition referred to is contained in numerals IX and XI of Article 29 of the law, which are as follows:

"Article 29: There shall not enter the Republic and there shall therefore be denied entry to, any alien belonging to any of the following classes:

"IX. An alien whose profession is one that he may not legally exercise in the Republic.

"XI. Any other alien who, in the opinion of the Executive, should not be allowed to enter".

This law was not published in the "Official Gazette," until April 19, although a rumor as to its passage had, apparently, reached the press prior to that date, and a representative of "El Universal," who called at the Ministry of the Interior to verify the rumor, was informed by the "Technical Commission" that "by this Article it is proposed by the Immigration Law to prevent the entry of alien ministers of the Gospel whose profession, as is known, is not authorized by the Constitution."

Potluck Supper Turns Out to Be Banquet

Sunday evening, April 2, will long be remembered at the S. S. Cyril and Methodius Catholic church by the members of the Sixteen-Ninety Club and their many friends. People from all the neighboring towns were present on this special occasion.

The Rev. Pastor announced a Pot Luck Supper for the evening, but it turned out to be a Banquet surprise.

The hall was beautifully decorated in delicate pink and white, crimped streamers adorned the brilliant lights, and tables were laid in spotless white with fern spray and begonias.

A large crowd gathered in the basement of the church at 7:30. The trustees, Messrs. Joseph Dolezl, C. M. Pohlman, and James Rozhon conducted Father Van Rie into the hall, accompanied by the visiting clergy. Immediately the Stezskal Orchestra played a favorite march. Rev. Fr. Meagher of Winamac gave the introductory address followed by several musical selections given by the choir members of the Catholic churches of San Pierre and North Judson.

Rev. Fr. Pratt of Kokomo, Rev. Fr. Ferot of Wanatah, and Rev. Fr. Becker of Pulaski each gave a short address reminding the people of the good Fr. Van Rie has done here and expressing sincere thanks.

Last but not least was the address given by Mr. C. M. Pohlman in behalf of the Congregation.

Then came the unveiling of a beautiful Crosley Radio which until then stood hidden beneath a white cloth under a fern. Only those who saw Rev. Father Van Rie's eyes at that instant can tell how surprised he was. In his usual terms he gave sincerest appreciation for everything the good people here have done, attributing success more to their efforts than to his own. However that may be, all wish Father Van Rie many happy hours listening in on his radio.

Nuns Use Airplane To Get To Mission

Valparaiso, Chile, April 22.—Overcoming a natural dread of the unusual experiment, several Sisters of St. Anne recently employed an airplane to get from Antofagasta, Chile, to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, a mission to which they had been assigned, when poor railroad conditions prevented their making the journey overland.

The nuns had reached Antofagasta after crossing the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and faced a five-day railroad journey to Santa Cruz. This trip was impossible, however, and the Sisters, dismayed by the prospect of being delayed in reporting at their new mission field, appealed to the Superior of the convent at Antofagasta, who appealed in turn to the Governor, who has been exceedingly kind to the nuns since their arrival here. The Governor placed an airplane at their disposal and in a few hours they were at their destination.

Five Million for the Home Missions

One Thousand Catholic Ladies are Asked to Contribute $1,000 Each

A $5,000 Burse will be Created in the Name and Memory of Every Contributor of $1,000

The parochial school is a bulwark of the Catholic Church. The building of parochial schools in the parishes of larger dioceses entails great sacrifices upon the Catholic people. The crowding of most Catholic schools with pupils is ample testimony of their efficiency and worth.

The Catholic Church Extension Society has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars during the past twenty years to assist in building little parochial schools throughout the missionary districts of our country. Mission schools cost only a few thousand dollars, because labor and material are not as high in the country districts as in the larger cities. The Extension Society will be glad to show you how you can build a mission school, in memory of a loved one, with a donation of from $2,000 to $5,000.

No means have as yet been devised to assist the Sisters teaching in the mission parochial schools. Most of them are supported by the Motherhouse of the community, which has the care of the schools. It goes without saying that the mission schools are hardly able to support themselves. Many calls are made upon the Extension Society for building and supporting parochial schools throughout the missionary districts, most of which we have to refuse because we haven't the funds for that purpose.

The Mission Schools' Endowment Fund of $1,000,000, which The Catholic Church Extension Society proposes raising during Holy Year, has in view the support of mission schools and teaching Sisters. We are asking one thousand Catholic ladies throughout the country to give us $1,000 each during this Holy Year of 1925, which donations would total $1,000,000. We propose placing this $1,000,000 at 6% interest, which would net $60,000 per year. This $60,000 would be split every year into twelve scholarships of $5,000 each and as the contributors passed to their eternal reward a Burse of $5,000 would be set aside in their name and memory, and $300—the interest on this Burse—would be used every year for the support of a mission school or the Sisters teaching therein.

The Extension Society has prepared a pamphlet, which explains the Mission Schools' Endowment Fund in detail, and would be glad to send you a copy upon application.

If the donor of $1,000 is interested in any particular mission of the United States or its dependencies, she may designate the interest of her Burse for the support of a mission school or community in the diocese in which she is interested. No Catholic lady could build a better monument to her memory than by sending us $1,000 for the Mission Schools' Endowment Fund, which would create a Burse in her name and memory, and which would be in existence for generations after she has passed away.

If you desire a pamphlet on the subject of the Mission Schools' Endowment Fund, please address:

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Springfield Ladies Of Charity Celebrate First Anniversary

Bishop Griffin Preaches On Charity.

Springfield, Ill., April 28.—The first anniversary of the establishment of the Ladies of Charity was celebrated here this week. Members attended Pontifical Mass offered by the Rt. Rev. James A. Griffin, D.D., Bishop of Springfield, at the cathedral on Sunday, receiving Communion in a body. The bishop preached an eloquent sermon on charity.

Bishop Griffin gave Benediction later in the day, following the ceremony of bestowal of insignia to members.

Boys Spend Easter Vacation at Lourdes

By M. Massiani

Paris, April 26—Five thousand young boys, belonging for the most part to poor laborers' families of the Parish district spent their Easter vacation at Lourdes. Several trains left Paris on the evening of Good Friday, others left on the Tuesday after Easter.

The characteristic feature of this pilgrimage, known as the "Fraternal Pilgrimage of the Children of Paris," is that the expenses of the poor children, whether school boys, apprentices, young workmen or employes, were borne by their brothers of the wealthier classes. The sum of 220 francs pays the expenses of one child for the ten days of the tour. Some families send this sum to the priests in charge of the pilgrimage in memory of a dead child or as an act of charity in praying for the recovery of a child who is ill, but many parents permit the children to accompany the pilgrimage and pay the expenses of some less fortunate comrade. In each little group of young pilgrims there is a medical student, a future lawyer or a future priest who constitutes himself the guide, leader and "big brother" of some of the younger boys. And except for the directors of the pilgrimage no one knows how much the boys of the wealthier classes contribute.

BISHOP McAULIFFE CONSECRATED AID TO BISHOP NILAN

Hartford, Conn., April 28.—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maurice F. McAuliffe, President of St. Thomas' Seminary here, was today consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Hartford at an impressive ceremony at which thirteen bishops and 20 visiting monsignori, besides hundreds of priests and many thousands of laymen, assisted. Bishop McAuliffe is the first native of Hartford to receive this high honor from the Church. He will be titular Bishop of Delco.

Freethinkers' Society Is Organized at Yale

New Haven, April 29.—Twenty-five agnostics, atheists and deists formed "The Yale Freethinkers' Society" here Tuesday night for the disavowal of revealed religion and the intensive study of supernatural research.

The society plans to invite Prof. Chauncey Brewster Tinker of the Yale faculty, who is quoted as having expressed the hope that they would organize, to address it. Sinclair Lewis, who is regarded as Yale's most distinguished atheist, also will be invited to speak.

Twenty Special Trains From Canada to Congress.

Montreal, May 1.—Twenty special trains already have been chartered from the Canadian National Railways to carry the Canadian pilgrims.

Msgr. Pietro di Maria, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, will lead the Canadian pilgrims to the Eucharistic Congress at Chicago in June, and in proportion to its population the Dominion expects to have the largest pilgrimage of any country represented, it has been announced here.

Archbishop Gauthier of Montreal, who will lead the French-Canadian delegation, and Henri Baurassa, Member of Parliament, will speak at the international meeting.

U. S. MEDIAEVAL ACADEMY HONORS BISHOP SHAHAN

Boston, May 1.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, Rector of the Catholic University of America, was chosen one of the first 30 Fellows of the Mediaeval Academy of America, and the Rev. Dr. James Hugh Ryan, also of the Catholic University, was elected one of the 12 members of the Academy's Council, at its first annual meeting which has just closed at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences here.

CHAPEL OF BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION STILL IN USE.

London, April 26.—The Oratory of Ss. Peter and Paul which thousands of visitors from different parts of the world visited in the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, is proving its usefulness in its new home at Laindon, a little Essex village, where it was re-erected after the exhibition, and renamed the Church of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus.

AGED PRIEST, ONCE IN AMERICA, DIES IN LONDON.

London, April 26.—Father Walter Baggaley, who made part of his ecclesiastical studies in a New Orleans seminary and paid frequent visits to the United States, serving for a time as a priest in Alabama, died recently at Aberystwyth, North Wales, aged eighty.

Sisters of Charity Contribute Their Mite to Legion

Cleveland, April 27.—Sisters of Charity of Charity Hospital have made a contribution of $30 to the Cleveland quota of the $5,000,000 nation-wide campaign for the American Legion.

The Sisters sent a note with the offering saying that it was the combined offering of the Sisters in the hospital and regretting they were not able to make the sum a larger one.

St. Lawrence High Alumni Organize

The Members Plan to Boost Lafayette School.

The newly organized St. Lawrence Alumni Association at its first meeting elected the following officers to serve for the year: Rev. Adelbert Rolfes, O. F. M., spiritual director; Marie Zipp, president; Robert Booher, vice-president; Elizabeth Bumbleberg, secretary, and Alberta McKendrier, treasurer. It is the purpose of the organization to form a closer union between the students of the St. Lawrence High School, each becoming a member of the Alumni Association upon graduation.

St. Lawrence High School, now in its third year, has experienced a steady growth since its inauguration. During the first year there were sixteen students; this year there are twenty-eight. As a result of the increase it was found necessary at the beginning of the present school term to add two rooms to the school facilities, including a new class room and a typewriting room. The equipment of the commercial department is complete in every detail and the students obtain excellent experience not secured elsewhere, which is expected to give St. Lawrence graduates prestige in the securing of good positions. The seniors have established an excellent record in shorthand, writing 210 words per minute, and also are turning out accurate typewritten work.

The first class to complete the commercial course will be graduated this spring, with ten members.

At the initial meeting of the Alumni Association, the seniors entertained the juniors and sophomores with an interesting program. The feature event was a two-act drama, "The Hot Air Real Estate Company," which was written and staged by the senior class, and was greatly enjoyed.

The Christian Brothers, or "Brothers of the Christian Schools", were founded by the Venerable Abbe de la Salle. A Bull of approbation in favor of the Christian Brothers and raising them into a religious congregation was granted by Benedict XIII in 1725.

OBITUARIES.

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JOHN M'DONALD DIES

John Frederick McDonald, aged 42, owner of a restaurant in Montpelier, died at the Wells county hospital. He was brought to the hospital here about a week ago suffering from heart disease following influenza.

Surviving are the widow, two brothers and a sister. He came to Montpelier eight years ago.

The funeral service will be held at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday forenoon at the Catholic church Montpelier in charge of Rev. Charles Girardot of Bluffton.

MRS. MARGARET RUMELY.

Mrs. Margaret Rumely, age 68, mother of the late Father John Rumely, died April 25 at La Porte. Funeral took place April 26 at St. Joseph's church, LaPorte. The celebrant was Rev. Schweitzer, Lodie, Wis., cousin of Mrs. Rumely.

Funeral sermon preached by Rev. J. A. Bapst of Mishawaka. In the sanctuary were Rev. I. Zincher, pastor, Rev. Wakefer and Rev. Gabozinski.

Mrs. Rumely was a great benefactor to church and charity.

SOUTH BEND DISTRICT—

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Frances Belledin, 41, wife of William Belledin of South Bend, were held at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic church in charge of the Rev. William Moloney. Mrs. Belledin died Wednesday after an illness of four weeks from heart trouble. She is survived by her husband, four sons, Joseph, Edward, Fred and Arthur Belledin, and her mother, Mrs. Catherine Goetz.

Julia Van Antreve, nine-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Antreve of South Bend, died Thursday following a three weeks' illness with whooping cough. Funeral services were held at 8:00 a. m. Friday at the Sacred Heart Belgium church.

Mrs. Carrie DeWald of Mishawaka died suddenly a victim of heart trouble four months after the sudden death of her husband from the same affliction. Five children survive. Mrs. DeWald was a member of St. Monica's Catholic church.

Mrs. Agnes Babiasz of South Bend, 65, a member of St. Hedwig's Catholic church in South Bend, died nine days after she suffered a stroke of paralysis. She is survived by three children.

FORT WAYNE

Mrs. Catherine Niezer Eggeman, age 81 years, a prominent Catholic resident of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday morning at her home 81 Begue street of heart disease. She had resided in Fort Wayne since she was nine years of age and was born in Milan township, Allen county, May 25, 1844. Her marriage to Peter Eggeman took place May 24, 1870. Deceased was a devoted member of St. Mary's church and the Ladies' Rosary society. Surviving are her husband, four daughters, Mrs. Charles Snowberger, Mrs. Francis McDarby, Mrs. F. E. McEntaffer and Miss Matilda Eggeman; two sons, Judge John W. Eggeman and Major Fred W. Eggeman; eleven grand children and two great grand children, all of Fort Wayne. The funeral was held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Mary's church, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John H. Oechtering, V. G., officiating.

Mrs. Eleanore C. Weber, age 56 years, wife of Clem J. Weber, died Sunday night at 8:15 o'clock at her home, 219 Douglas avenue, after an extended illness. Deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Summers, and a life-long resident of Allen county. Her education was received at St. Augustine's Academy in the Cathedral parish and at Sacred Heart Academy, north of Fort Wayne. She was a faithful member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and of the Ladies' Rosary society and Sacred Heart League. Surviving are the husband; three sisters, Sister Mary Cecilia of the Sisters of Providence, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Terre Haute, Ind., Mrs. T. F. Butler, of Indianapolis; Miss Elizabeth Summers of Fort Wayne; and one brother Frank Summer of this city. Miss Mary Nelligan, also residing here, is an aunt. The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from the Cathedral, Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, officiating.

John Ackerman, age 62 years, died suddenly Wednesday night at the family home on East Lewis street. Death was due to apoplexy. He was a native of Germany, coming to Fort Wayne when 18 years of age. He had been in the employ of the Pennsylvania company for the last 35 years. Deceased was a member of St. Mary's church and the Holy Name society, also St. Charles' Benevolent society. Surviving are two sons, William J. and Clement A. Ackerman, of this city; three daughters, Miss Louise at home, Sister Mary Louise Bertrand, of Blue Island, Ill., and Mrs. Joseph Schoenle, of Fort Wayne; and two grand children.

The funeral was held Monday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Mary's, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John H. Oechtering, V. G., officiating.

Mrs. Veronica Chodynski, 72, fell dead at her home, 1814 Gay street on Wednesday afternoon. Death was due to a cerebral hemorrhage. Deceased was born in Poland and came to the United States 46 years ago. Besides her husband John, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. David P. Rowan, Mrs. Walter Mlynarski and Miss Rose Chodynski; three sons, Joseph Novitski of Bluffton and Anthony and Valentine Novitski, Fort Wayne; one brother, Nicholas Polson. She was a member of St. Hyacinth's church and the Christian Mothers' society. The funeral was held Saturday morning from St. Hyacinth's, Rev. John S. Hosinski, officiating.

FOWLER

Frederick Harold Ruggle

Frederick Harold, two weeks old son o Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ruggle, died Sunday evening of exhaustion at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

MUNCIE

Muncie friends have been informed of the demise of Mrs. Mary Sheridan, at Youngstown, Ohio, a former well known member of St. Lawrence parish. During her thirty-five years' residence here she was treasurer of the Altar Society, and a member of the St. Vincent De Paul Aid Society. The funeral took place Monday morning at Youngstown, and burial was made there. She is survived by three sons, Hugh, of Muncie, and Charles and Phil, of Youngstown.

A BRIEF SURVEY OF THE FORT WAYNE DIOCESE.

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of the observance this year will be "Babies' Homecoming." It is planned to have all babies born at St. Elizabeth's hospital, since the institution of the maternity department, several years ago, return for the afternoon, accompanied by their mothers, between the hours of 2 and 5. All babies must be registered and each will receive a gift. A photograph of all babies present will be taken at 3.30 o'clock.

OPENING OF MAY

The beautiful month of Our Mother was ushered in, in a most fitting manner by the Catholic churches of the city. At St. Boniface's church the May Devotions opened Friday evening with a solemn procession of the school children in which the statue of Our Blessed Mother was carried through the aisles of the church by the officers of the Young Ladies' Sodality who are Anna Louise Kessner, Emeline Deerr, Lucile Schlick, Mary Bonner and Mary Klumpe. At St. Mary's, the devotions were held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mary Agnes Staley, crowned Mary, Queen of May, assisted by Lillian Weyls and Zoe Staley, as Maids of Honor. Little Miss Helen Gagen acted as Crown Bearer. On Sunday evening May Devotions opened at St. Ann's. The honor of crowning was bestowed upon Miss Cecelia Breshnahan, assisted by Miss Marie Haaga and Lorine Thayer as Maids of Honor. The crown was carried by little Miss Kathleen Donohue.

ST. LAWRENCE'S PUPILS ENTERTAIN.

On Sunday afternoon an excellent program was rendered by the pupils of St. Lawrence's school, honoring the Name Day of their beloved pastor, Fr. Adalbert. On Friday, May 14th, and Sunday, May 16th, a four-act drama, "The Victim of Circumstances" will be presented by the high school pupils in the school auditorium.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATED BY RELIGIOUS

Sister Mary Amata, Sister Mary Gilberta, and Sister Mary Elisa, members of the Lafayette Community of the Poor Sisters of St. Francis, celebrated their silver jubilee in the Order, Saturday, May 3rd. At the St. Elizabeth's Hospital where Sr. Mary Amata is now stationed, a special High Mass was sung at 5.45 o'clock by Rev. Ephraim Luefluchter, O. F. M., chaplain. At St. Joseph's Orphanage, where Sister Mary Gilberta has labored for many years, a jubilee High Mass was celebrated at 6 o'clock. Throughout the day many friends, former patients and pupils called to help them observe this memorable event. Sister Maxiana of Grand Island, Nebraska, real sister of Sister Mary Amata and Sister Salesia of Cleveland, O., real sister of Sister Mary Gilberta, were their special guests. Sister M. Elisa, sacristan at the hospital for many years, commemorated the anniversary at the world motherhouse in Olpe, Westphalia, Germany, where she went last month with Venerable Mother Mary Bernarda. While in Germany she is the guest of her aged mother whom she had not seen since coming to the United States in May, 1901.

REYNOLDS, Ind.

MANY PRIESTS AT "HOUSE-WARMING."

Rev. Fred C. Rotnermel, local Catholic priest, entertained a number of priests of the Fort Wayne diocese at a "house-warming," Tuesday at the new rectory. Dinner was served at one o'clock to the following: Rev. C. V. Steter, D. D., Kentland; Rev. A. J. Aichinger, Rev. V. Magsam and Rev. N. Keller, of Logansport; Rev. C. J. Reed, Delphi; Rev. E. J. Frieberger and Rev. L. Deininger, of Lafayette; Rev. Peter A. Biegel, Dunnington; Rev. A. J. Copenolle, Earl Park; Rev. Chas. Dhe, Fowler; Rev. J. Eisenhart, Goodland; Rev. J. C. Ryder, Larwell; Rev. J. Nickels and Rev. John Berg, Hammond; Rev. A. Van Rie, North Judson; Rev. Joseph Sueltzer, Koutz; Rev. John Dapp, Rev. A. Webbert and Rev. Geo. Hasser of Fort Wayne; Rev. J. Roederer, Hobart; Rev. Gustave Hottenroth, Cedar Lake; Rev. E. P. Faust, New Haven; Rev. A. Linneman, St. Joseph's College; Rev. V. Maher, C. P. P. S., Winamac and Rev. A. Kroeger, Oxford.

Knights of Columbus Column.

MUNCIE KNIGHTS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

The members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 560, of Muncie, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the local council, Wednesday evening, at the Knights of Columbus home, in East Adams street. An atmosphere of informality and hospitality prevailed during the evening, and the event was one of the most successful gatherings of the local Knights in several years. A large number of the charter members were present, among them being John Langdon, of Tipton, and John Kinsley, of Indianapolis, and both gave splendid talks. The details of the evening's entertainment were in charge of Edward J. Manok, chairman, Joseph O'Day, W. J. Rahe, and R. E. Grundy, all of whom are charter members. There were tables for cards, and a buffet supper was served at 10 o'clock. Several talks were given, and Michael Clark gave an interesting review of the history of the local council and told of the many accomplishments which it has achieved. A number of felications were received from charter members among which were those from A. A. Arnold, now residing at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; W. J. Thomas, of San Pedro, Cal.; Robert E. Walker, of Terre Haute; and James F. Rooney, of Pueblo, Colorado. Mr. Rooney and Mr. Walker are former grand knights of the Muncie council.

Coral Gables Church Of "Little Flower"

Coral Gables, Fla., April 28.—A general committee has been appointed to bring about the erection here this year of the Church of the Little Flower. The edifice, which is to cost $500,000, will be built on a plot of ground donated by George E. Merrick, creator of Coral Gables. The parish will include all of Coral Gables.